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## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Met at Jackson Last Saturday and Nominated a Full County Ticket.

The Democratic convention held in Jackson last Saturday was better attended than any Democratic convention held in this county since the days of J. M. Seibert, L. H. Davis and the late E. W. Russell. Every township in the county was represented with a full set of delegates and every delegate seemed to be determined on putting the best men in the party forward for the county offices.

The convention was called to order at 1:15 p. m. by the chairman of the Democratic Central Committee and Congressman Vandiver was made chairman of the convention with F. A. McGuire as secretary and Tony Kammer, assistant secretary. Mr. Vandiver addressed the convention on the political issues of the day. He spoke for about an hour and from a Democratic standpoint his address was a very able effort.

After Mr. Vandiver's address the temporary organization was made permanent and the convention got down to business and nominated the following ticket:

Representative, Robert H. White.

Collector, Joseph E. Schmale.

Sheriff, Frederick Schade.

Judge Common Pleas Court, Robert G. Ranney.

Surveyor, N. C. Frissell.

Treasurer, Francis M. Baker.

Assessor, Albert H. Poe.

Prosecuting attorney, T. D. Hines.

Public Administrator, Jacob Doyle.

Coroner, Dr. Robert F. Wichterich.

County Judge--First District, Joseph Litzenfelner.

Judge Second District, Joseph Fuhrth.

The convention was conducted in a very harmonious manner and for Democrats the delegates and spectators behaved themselves remarkably well. It is considered by all that the ticket is a strong one.

## Not Wedded to Silver.

The Mexican Herald, dealing with the silver question in Mexico as viewed by American journals says:

"Here in Mexico we know what a depreciated dollar means. In one way it is a good thing, for the gold premium has enabled Mexico to go into manufacturing for herself and at a round profit. In a word, cheap silver has been and still is in a measure a 'protection to home industry,' and just as protection has got the United States on its feet and enabled it to become a greater exporter of manufactures so silver money has, in the modern days, helped President Porfirio Diaz's great plan of making Mexico self-sustaining and self providing. So far so good, but that great statesman nor his accomplished and successful minister of finance, make an idol of silver; they regard it as a means to an end and when that end is achieved, Mexico will adopt such a standard as suits her interests best. Perhaps Mexico may remain with the silver standard, perhaps she may adopt a gold basis. All that is in the future and a sensible government does not worry over eventualities to arrive twenty years in the future. What we want to make clear to money talking politicians up North is that Mexico is not enthusiastic over the white metal."

## The Gossiper.

There is always a story in circulation about some one. There is always a confidential lie whispered through the community about some fellow creature, and every one is admonished to say nothing about it, and finally everybody knows it but the person in question. If you have a friend who is made the subject of silly gossip, it is your duty to tell him about it. If you keep still and allow your friend's reputation to be stained and trampled under foot, without a chance to defend himself, you are doing a great injustice. We do not believe in hatching up trouble for any one, and we hate to see a man convicted of a crime in the midst of the people without a chance to explain the matter. It would be a good thing if lies were painted on the atmosphere in which they were told and the liar's picture attached to them. There wouldn't be so many told, but the atmosphere would be full of word pictures, and what a beautiful collection it would make.--Ex.

Stay that barking by using Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It arrests the cough, allays irritation of the throat, and relieves congestion of the lungs in a day. It is safe and pleasant to take, and never disappoints. 25c. I. Ben. Miller.

## A COMING POSSIBILITY.

Strained Relations Between the Powers Threaten to Terminate in a Disastrous End

The extensive war preparations during the past few months by France, Germany and Russia has a deep meaning which as yet remains unsolved. That entire Europe is on the verge of war cannot be disputed by the thoughtful person. The evidence is visible on every hand and any aggressive movement on the part of one government might precipitate the powers in a war that would bring disaster to the entire universe.

Now comes the report from China that Russia, Germany and Japan have declared war on China and invite England and the United States to retire. The United States has spoken plainly and emphatically in regard to the Chinese question and her request must be complied with regardless of the interference of other powers.

It is evident that the territorial greed of these powers has been aroused and they will no doubt make an effort to seize whatever territory they can.

Then on the other hand, the antagonistic feeling which exists between England and France might bring on a clash in that direction. Chamberlain distrusts the French, and the French distrust Chamberlain. Each believes the other determined to seize the first favorable opportunity of dealing his rival a deadly blow. When difficulty arises in China, Morocco and elsewhere, the first question is not how can both unite in preventing war, but will Chamberlain think the moment affords the convenient opportunity for demolishing the French fleet? If he does then the French are fully convinced he will make war. French activity in army and navy circles may not be rightly based upon the belief that France intends to force a war with England at the close of the Paris Exposition, but it has good grounds for existence.

What is more likely is that the French government has an understanding with Russia which makes certain its knowledge of the imminence of a more or less general European war, the inevitable alignment of which would find France and Russia opposed to England. Under such circumstances the activity about French fortifications, the increase of French fleets at such points as Cadix, Brest and other channel ports, the arrangements for the autumn maneuvers of the army within close touch of the coast towns would be the most natural thing in the world.

It is to be noted that, at a time when these significant steps are being taken by France, there is a similar disposition on the part of Russia to present a menacing and irritating front to England. On the frontier of India there is now a constant and daily increasing danger of a clash between the troops of Russia and Great Britain. In China the Czar's Government takes no pains to conceal its determination to profit at England's expense. The situation is so tense that war may become inevitable at any moment. It is a question if even English forbearance prevent it, and there is no reason to believe that English forbearance will go to the length of declining a definite challenge to battle.

## Cure For Scandals.

Here is a cure for a terrible disorder of the mouth, commonly called "scandal." "Take of good nature," one ounce; of an herb called by the Indians "mind your business," one ounce; mix these with a little "charity for others," and two or three sprigs of "keep your tongue between your teeth."

"Application: The symptoms are a violent itching of the tongue and roof of the mouth, which invariably takes place while you are in company of a species of animals called gossips. When you feel a fit of it coming on, take a spoonful of the mixture, hold it in your mouth, when you will keep closely shut till you get home, and you get home, and you will find a complete cure. Should you apprehend a relapse, keep a bottleful about you, and on the slightest symptom repeat the dose.--Ex.

## Horseteeth Captured.

The Deputy Sheriff of Bollinger county came here Saturday night on the lookout for a horse thief. With the assistance of policeman Miller he captured his man in Metz's saloon and found the horse in a lot out near Nenniger's slaughter house. The officer left with his man for Marble Hill.

If you want a stylish and well made garment go to the Boss Tailoring House. Big reductions for 30 days.



"Angel of mercy," Grace Russell with the wounded soldiers in the Celestial Kingdom.

## Opening of the Normal School.

The Normal School will open on Tuesday, September 4, 1900. Students should be present at the Chapel Exercises at 9 a. m. Tuesday, when full directions in regard to entering will be given. All students should enter the first day.

The Training School will open the same day. Sixty pupils will be admitted to the Training School. Training School pupils will not be required to pay tuition. Two trained teachers will have charge of the Training School work this year. Miss Young, the supervisor of the school, will have charge of the grammar grades, and Miss Edna K. Slater, an experienced primary teacher will have charge of the primary grades. Much of the teaching will be done by these thoroughly trained teachers, and they will supervise all the work done by Normal students. The school will be conducted as a model school, where the most approved modern methods of teaching will be used. In addition to the common branches, pupils will have instruction in drawing, vocal music, color work, paper cutting, and clay modeling. Manual training may be introduced during the year.

The sixty pupils to be entered should be somewhat evenly distributed through the eight grades. The training school teachers do not wish to enter pupils who will not attend regularly and for the entire year.

Parents who wish to place their children in the Training School may furnish their names to the President of the Normal in person or by mail, at once.

If families who wish to board students or to rent rooms, furnished or unfurnished, to students, will notify the President of the Normal at once, a list of all the places reported will be made, and students seeking boarding places or rooms to rent will be referred to this list.

## W. S. DEARBONT.

## Follow Our Lead.

By its promptness in replying to the peace overtures of Li Hung Chang, the United States has scored another diplomatic beat on the powers. The lead taken by the Washington government is being followed by Europe, and there is every reason to believe the powers will be united in the policy laid down from Washington.

The action of the United States was quickly followed by similar action on the part of Germany, the Berlin Foreign Office delivering to the Chinese Minister an answer refusing to enter into negotiations on the ground that there was no evidence that Li Hung Chang's credentials gave him sufficient power to act, and that nothing short of complete authority from the responsible rulers of China, the Emperor and Empress Dowager, could be regarded as sufficient.

A large and elegant assortment of walking hats, the noblest of the nob, by, at Mrs. Tobler's.

## ANOTHER RAILROAD.

Runs from Cape Girardeau to Memphis, Tenn.

We take the following from the Caruthersville Democrat under date of August 24:

William Tucker, who follows the building of levees and railroad grades, and who built much of the levee in this neighborhood and built the entire dump for the railroad from here to Blytheville, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Tucker has for several months past lived at Cape Girardeau, where he did some grading on the extension of the Houck's Missouri and Arkansas railroad from Commerce to Cape Girardeau. The new race track in the Cape Girardeau fair grounds is Mr. Tucker's work.

Mr. Tucker, on next Monday, will go out to Pascola where he will establish headquarters for a grade building camp, he having a large contract to build and grade for the Houck's Missouri and Arkansas railroad. This road, formerly only connected Morehouse, in New Madrid county, on the Iron Mountain railroad, with Commerce on the river, in Scott county. Lately, the road has been extended from Commerce into Cape Girardeau.

Work has now been commenced on this road according to Mr. Tucker, to extend it from Morehouse on south, with Memphis as the ultimate terminus. Grading will be carried on from Morehouse south and from Pascola north. Also the timber road now running from Pascola, south, into the timber, is to become a part of the new road and will be extended on down into the Dogskin settlement, to where the new road is to be completed by Christmas.

The Cotton Belt road is to be crossed at Lotta, New Madrid county.

Mr. Tucker said the day before he left Cape Girardeau, thirty-five car loads of rails arrived for use in building this road.

As the name indicates, this road is one of the many which have been built through the indomitable pluck and push of Louis Houck, the Southeast Missouri railroad magnate. The original line has been in operation for several years, but it has only been since he disposed of his interest in the Cape road that Mr. Houck has been improving the Missouri and Arkansas route.

## Newspaper Supplements Must be Dated.

The Democratic press is making a great howl because the Boonville and Clinton postmasters have held up papers containing the supplement with Duckery's speech.

In 1896, the Herald, the Republican paper of California, Mo., issued supplements furnished by the state committee, and the Democratic postmaster held them and demanded third-class postage, which was paid, amounting to \$7.50 on one week's issue. The department was appealed to, and the Democratic Third Assistant Postmaster General ruled that the California postmaster was right, because there was no date on the supplement. If the Democrats want a ruling on the question by an officer of their own party they can get it by applying at California, Mo.

## A New Cistern Cleaner.

The gentlemen who are here representing the new patent cistern cleaner fully demonstrated to our satisfaction that their machine would do the work just exactly as they claim. The work yesterday was all that could be expected. They removed all dirt and trash from the bottom of a cistern without taking the water therefrom and when the work was completed the water presented a clear crystal like appearance. The work can be recommended by any one who once saw the gentlemen employed in removing the dirty substance from a cistern. They will remain in our city only a few days and should anyone desire their cistern cleaned they can find the gentlemen at the Isabelle house.

Charley Dames was admitted to the bar in the Circuit Court at Jackson last week. He passed a very successful examination before a committee of the best and most learned members of the bar in Southeast Missouri and Judge Riley says he passed with a higher grade than any other man who has been admitted to the bar since he has been Judge of this circuit.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, no Pay. Price 25 cents.

## OUR NEW FAIR.

This Year Promises to Eclipse all Former Efforts.

It is with pride that we view our new fair grounds and see the rapidly growing structures and the formation of the race track and grounds in general under the quick and skillful hands of the mechanic and laborer. For months this work has been pushed with energy by men who have devoted their time and made it a study how to do the work in as short a time as possible and at the same time to make it so picturesque that it might smile in all its beauty and grandeur when its gates are thrown open to the spectator and observer who will swarm there next October to view with a criticizing eye the work of our new association.

The spot chosen by the new association for the erection of the new grounds was not an over inviting one a few months ago, only so far as its nearness to the city, but now since the skillful hand has been placed upon those grounds they have transformed to a spot which will be the pride of our citizens for years to come.

The track, which is undoubtedly the best half mile track in Southeast Missouri, was completed under many difficulties and with considerable labor. Its bed and formation makes an ideal track for the experienced horseman and no doubt all records will be broken for this part of the country at our fair next October.

The amphitheatre and art hall show splendid architecture and workmanship and when a coat of fresh paint dons these structures their beauty will be increased ten fold. Likewise the same might be said of all the out buildings and when the high board fence is completed the new grounds will be ready to stand the closest scrutiny of the most precise critic. This is saying a great deal for our new fair grounds but nevertheless they are plain, simple facts that are placed before the eye. It is human nature to doubt, but that which we see with our own eye is a sufficient guarantee of the truth.

Taking all this into consideration, also the fact of the hustling ability of the printing committee which has been demonstrated by their energetic efforts along this line, there is no reason why the fair this year should not be a grand success in every way.

All that is required now is a united effort on the part of every citizen and we are confident that our hopes will be realized to their full extent.

## Our New Battle Ship.

There is a new queen of the American Navy--the United States battleship Alabama, which the other day won the title made one of the most magnificent trial trips yet held in the history of the navy. Her average speed for four hours' continuous steaming was seventeen knots, a figure not quite as high as that made by the Iowa, but notable from the fact that it gave an idea of the yet undeveloped power of this latest product of American shipbuilders. The Alabama was built by the Cramp at Philadelphia, and, while of the first-class, she is unlike any of the earlier creations, both architecturally and as a fighting machine. Built under a contract that required at least an average speed of sixteen knots an hour, she has been turned out to do seventeen knots or better, under conditions that would not be turned extra.

The Iowa, when she left her builders' hands in 1897, was officially recorded at 17.04. Her speed was made under the very best possible conditions. After a lapse of more than two years, the Kentucky, on September 24, and the Kearsarge, two months later, came to the New England coast and under favorable, but not extraordinary conditions made 16.81 and 16.89 knots respectively. These figures have now been beaten by a narrow margin, to be sure, but the Alabama, apparently was made to do but a little beyond her mean speed.

## An Old Citizen Gone.

Henry Cleve died at his home in Jackson August 29, 1900, aged about eighty years. Mr. Cleve was an old citizen of the county and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He had been in poor health for several months.

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